



UB Highlights

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News & Events for December 15-31, 2009

IDEAL Info Session

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 6-8 p.m.

Waterbury Campus

Learn about UB's outstanding adult degree-completion program on the Waterbury campus. For more information, call 203-597-9036, or email klozada@bridgeport.edu.



**Purple Knights
Home Athletic Events
December 15-31, 2009**

Men's Basketball

**Dec. 29 (Tues.), 5 p.m., Bentley @ Hubbell Gym
(UB Tournament)**

**Dec. 30 (Weds.), 5 p.m., St. Anselm @ Hubbell
Gym (UB Tournament)**

You might have missed . . .

September 15: Connect by Hertz, a car-sharing club, became available to students, staff, and faculty on campus. To use the program, sign up by Dec. 18 at www.connectbyhertz.com, using code 1862640 (students) or 1825002 (faculty/staff). Once enrolled, you may go online or use the phone to reserve one of four available vehicles – 3 Toyota Priuses and a Ford Escape SUV – which can be picked up outside the Campus Security office next to Wahlstrom Library. The \$8 hourly or \$62 daily rate includes gas, insurance, round-the-clock roadside assistance, and more.

November 11: The Fall 2009 Academic Achievement Ceremony was held in the Littlefield Recital Hall of the Bernhard Center. Family and friends gathered to congratulate 171 students living in the residence halls who had achieved a 3.0 GPA or better. An award will be displayed in Barnum Hall, which had the highest grade average for the fall 2009 semester.

November 19: Professor Janet Albert, Fashion Merchandising, arranged for a workshop in her “Fashion Fundamentals” class, provided by Rachelle Rhinehart, an account executive with WGSN, an online web-based fashion forecasting operation used by many major manufacturers. UB recently acquired access to WGSN, which can be used by all UB students. Fashion merchandising students are already using this exciting new library resource for assignments, as it allows them new ways to forecast color and other fashion trends.

ADMISSIONS ABROAD



Have Brochures, Will Travel!

Engineering Professor Abdel-shakour Abuzneid, director of systems operations, represented UB at a number of international college fairs this fall. We joined 120 universities from the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and European countries at events in four cities in Turkey in October. In November Prof. Abuzneid attended U.S. Educational Group (USEG) college fairs (with 35 other U.S. universities) in Jordan, Lebanon, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi. The USEG specializes in connecting U.S. colleges with students in the Middle East. Prof. Abuzneid, who speaks Arabic, was successful in helping many students understand why they should come to UB.

UB ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

STUDENTS & ALUMNI

ATHLETICS

Emma Wooley, senior soccer midfielder, has been named to the 2009 Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America Third Team and to the 2009 ECAC Division II All-Star Team. Emma also received Daktronics All-America honors in her sophomore year.

Women's Soccer has earned its eighth consecutive National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) College Team Academic Award. During the 2008-09 academic year, the team posted a 3.25 team GPA.

Flu Reminders

Flu has arrived on our campus, and all of us want to avoid getting on the sick list. Melissa Lopez, director of Student Health Services, offers the following tips:

- **Wash your hands** frequently with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand cleaners.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or cough into your elbow, not your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- **Know the signs of flu:** A fever is a temperature higher than 100° F (38° C). Signs of a fever: A person feels very warm, looks flushed, or is sweating or shivering.
- **Stay home** if you have the flu or a similar illness, for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone.
- **Get vaccinated against flu.** This not only protects you but reduces the spread of flu.

For more info about flu at UB and what we are doing about it, visit

<https://www.bridgeport.edu/pages/4946.asp> or call 203-576-4712.

FACULTY & STAFF

BUSINESS

Gad Selig, associate dean for business development and outreach, presented at the Third Annual International Project Management and Engineering Conference in Sao Paulo on Dec. 3. UB recently signed an agreement with SENAC, a Brazilian university, to enroll students in our M.S. in technology management program.

EDUCATION

Nelson Ngoh, associate professor of science, presented "Is Technology a Blessing or a Curse for Our Students Today?" at the Association for the Advancement of Educational Research conference in November. **Jack Mulcahy** presented "The New Leadership Paradigm: Tannenbaum and Schmidt Fifty Years Later," at the conference; **Lori Noto** and **Jess Gregory** presented "Can We Influence the Attitudes of Pre-Service Teachers about the Inclusion of Students with Disabilities?"; **Nan Nutt** presented "Understanding Urban Students' Affective, Cognitive, and Motivational Well-Being"; and **Cicely Horham-Braithewaithe** headed a round-table discussion.

ENGINEERING

Dr. Irv Ojalvo, professor and chair of mechanical engineering 1983-90, and **Dr. Lawrence Hmurcik**, professor and chair of electrical engineering, recently consulted in 2 court cases, where an electrician received a mild electric shock while working 10 feet above ground, causing two men to lose their balance and fall; one died and the other was crippled. Dr. Ojalvo cited numerous problems with the scaffolding and safety harnesses, while Dr. Hmurcik showed that both men failed to obey basic safety protocols.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Dave Benjamin, assistant professor of IPED, served as chair of the Finance and International Relations panel at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association Nov. 19. He was also a discussant on the International Law: Challenges, Initiatives and Policy, panel.

STUDENT SERVICES

Edina Oestreicher, assistant dean of students, was recently appointed Connecticut State Coordinator for the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA). In this role, she will direct and coordinate state NODA activities and serve on the Regional Steering Committee.

Did we miss something? *UB Highlights* is published twice monthly during the academic year and monthly in January, June, and July to inform the University community about UB events and achievements. To comment or to list your event or award, e-mail Rebecca Salonen, UBHighlights@bridgeport.edu, or call x4988.